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30th Annual Welcome Yule: A Midwinter Celebration

Shea Theater, Turners Falls, MA

Dec. 12, 13 and 14, 2014

The 30th annual **Welcome Yule: A Midwinter Celebration** comes to the Shea Theatre in Turners Falls on Dec. 12, 13, and 14. This year's show is written and directed by long-time cast member Hattie Archbald, who has performed in the show with her family since she was four years old.

Welcome Yule celebrates the return of light with a delightful family show filled with music, dance, songs, stories and customs to drive the dark away. This year the audience will be transported to a small English village in late medieval times where preparations are underway to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Young folk in the village undertake a Robin Hood-type mission to steal from the rich and give to the poor so everyone can celebrate a plentiful Christmas.

Welcome Yule's signature carols and wassailing songs will be performed along with Archbald's adaptation of the Robin Hood tale. Traditional festivities include the passing of the Yule log, stick dancing, a mummers play and the haunting Abbots Bromley Horn Dance.

Welcome Yule: A Midwinter Celebration will be performed at The Shea Theater, 71 Avenue A, Turners Falls, **Friday and Saturday Dec. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.** Tickets are: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children five through sixteen; age four and under free. Families of five pay \$40. Reserve tickets by calling the Shea Theatre reservation line (413) 863-2281, or purchase tickets in advance at Jones Library in Amherst, River Valley Market in Northampton, World Eye Bookshop in Greenfield, or Brattleborotix.com. For more information see www.welcomeyule.org, Welcome Yule on Facebook, or email contact@welcomeyule.org.

Calendar Listing: Dec. 12, 13 and 14, 2014; Welcome Yule: A Midwinter Celebration; Turners Falls, MA

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